Allotment of flats in Trilokpuri, New Delhi

*337. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that about 100 flats out of 360 in 'B' block, Trilokpuri (Mayur Vihar), New Delhi, under the Self-Financing Scheme, have been earmarked for allotment to the unregistered employees of the Delhi Administration ; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what steps Government propose to take to protect the legitimate claims of registered allottees under the Self-Financing Schemes?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR) : (a) 100 flats out of 904 under construction at Trilok Puri have been earmarked for allotment to employees of Delhi Administration, none of whom is unregistered.

(b) Does not arise.

Hotel near I.G. Stadium, New Delhi

*338. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE :

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI :

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of money and time spent by the DDA in the construction of a hotel building near I.G. Stadium in Delhi so far and the date on which its construction had started ;

(b) the reasons for not taking any decision about its use and completion so far ; and

(c) the estimated losses due to (i) the delay in using the building and (ii) also by way of interest on the money invested ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR) : (a) and (b) The contract for the construction of the building was awarded in June, 1981, as 'Players Block' and the building was structurally completed in about two-and-a-half years. An amount of Rs. 5.76 crores has so far been spent on its construction. Its final completion will depend upon its usage.

It is now proposed to use the building for setting up a hospital. Delhi Administration has already invited offers for this purpose through public notice.

(c) C & AG has assessed an annual loss of about Rs. 64 lakhs mainly on account of loss of interest on blocked funds.

Drought-prone areas of South Bihar

*339. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA :

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the drought prone areas in South Bihar face the risk of turning into wastelands, if financial support is not given by the Central Government to various irrigation schemes in the region ;and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G.S. DHILLON) : (a) and (b) In Bihar, a total number of 54 blocks in five districts, namely, Monghyr, Nawadah, Palamau, Rohtas and Santhal Parganas have been identified as chronically drought prone areas and have been covered under Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP). The objective of DPAP is restoration of ecological balance

and optimal development of land, water, livestock and human resources to mitigate the effects of drought and reduce fluctuations in income by adoption of appropriate land use practices and through infra-structure development. It is a Centrally sponsored scheme on 50 : 50 sharing basis between the Government of India and the State Government.

There are several sectors of activity under DPAP such as Afforestation, Minor Irrigation, Dryland Agriculture, Soil and moisture conservation, Live-stock Development, Horticulture, Sericulture, Fisheries, etc. During Sixth Plan period, the total expenditure on minor irrigation was Rs 16.34 crores, accoounting for 49.2% of the total allocation of Rs. 33.18 crores and 58.1% of the total expenditure of Rs. 28.10 crores under DPAP. During 1985-86, the total expenditure on minor irrigation was Rs. 3.40 crores accounting for 52.5% of the total allocation of Rs. 60.48 crores and 63.9% of the total expenditure of Rs. 5.32 crores under DPAP. In addition, substantial Central assistance has also been made available under Centrally Sponsored Schemes relating to Strangthening of Ground Water and Surface Water Organisations of States/UTs and Encouraging Irrigation through sprinkler drip System, hydrams, water turbines and man/animal operated pumps.

Thus, the apprehension that the areas covered under DPAP may turn into wasteland on account of lack of central assistance to irrigation schemes is not well founded.

Ownership rights to tenants in States/UTs

*340. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI : SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in May 1985, the Conference of State Revenue Ministers had decided tha all insecure and informal tenants and share croppers should be brought on record irrespective of whether tenancy is recognised or abolished in the States and that the ownership rights be conferred upon all tenants including Bargadars, thus limiting tenancy to the specified disabled categories only ; and

(b) if so, what progress has been made so far in this direction by each State and Union Territory ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV) : (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [*See* Appendix CXXXIX, Annexure No. 92]

New accord on reservation

†1563. SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposed to arrive at a new accord on Reservation in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons which have necessitated a new approach ; and

(c) what are the new proposals ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) and (b) The reference is perhaps to the recommendations of the Mandal Commission. The Government is of the opinion that if any change in the policy of reservation in respect of other Backward Classes, is made it should be preceded by a national consensus and the Home Minister had accordingly addressed all the Chief Ministers on 25-5-1985.

(c) There are no new proposals under consideration.

†Previously unstarred Question 986 transferred from the 31st July, 1986.